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TO ROBERTA GOLDING
for her enduring contribution
to the study of African art

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ZOMBO (Angola, Zaire)
variants Bazombo, Nzombo, Zoombo
note Bantu language; subcategory of Kongo
AAT: nl
LCSH: Zombo dialect use Zoombo dialect
BES, CDR 1985, DDMM, DPB 1985, DPB 1987, EBHK, ELZ, FHCP, GAH 1950, GPM 1959, GPM 1975, HAB, HB, HBDW, JK, JMOB, JV 1966, MGU 1967, MLB 1994, OB 1973, TERV, UIH, WH, WS
see also Kongo

Zoombo *see* ZOMBO

ZULA (Zaire)
variants Wazula
note Bantu language; subcategory of Bangubangu
AAT: nl
LCSH: nl
FN 1994, GBJS, JMOB, SG, WRNN, WS
AEM*
see also Bangubangu

ZULU (Lesotho, Malawi, South Africa, Swaziland)
variants Amazulu
note Bantu language
AAT: Zulu
LCSH: Zulu
ACN, AF, ARW, BES, BS, CK, DDMM, DOA, ETHN, EBR, FW, GBJM, GBJS, GPM 1959, GPM 1975, HAB, HB, HMC, HRZ, IAI, IS, JD, JJM 1972, JK, JLS, JM, JMOB, JRE, JTSV, JV 1966, JV 1984, KMT 1971, LM, LSD, MCA 1986, MGU 1967, MLJD, MUD 1991, NIB, PG 1990, PMPO, RFT 1974, RGL, ROMC, RS 1980, RSAR, RSW, SD, SMI, SV, SV 1988, SVFN, TP, UIH, WDH, WEW 1973, WFJP, WG 1980, WG 1984, WH, WMR, WOH, WRB, WRB 1959, WRNN, WS, WVB CLK*, JMA 1981*, MCDP*

Zumper *see* KUTEP

LANGUAGE NOTES

THE TRANSCRIPTION OF ETHNIC NAMES

The following information on some common problems and confusions associated with the transcription of African ethnonyms should help the user of the index to detect possible name variants.

I. Prefixes used as classifiers in African languages

In the hundreds of Bantu languages that are spoken in Africa, and in some other languages as well, prefixes are used as classifiers and placed in front of the radicals of ethnic names. These prefixes have singular and plural forms in order to refer to a single male or female member of an ethnic unit or to a collectivity of members (from two persons to the entire group). Thus, Mu-Nyoro applies to one member of the Nyoro group and Ba-Nyoro to several or all members of the Nyoro ethnic unit. There are other classes of prefixes that refer to the language, the country or the political unit, the collectivity, the state of being, etc.

It is now common practice in anthropological, historical, linguistic, art historical and other writings on Africa to drop these prefixes and to retain only the root word. The classifiers are of immense significance in the structure of the African languages, but outside their grammatical and syntactical contexts they have no real function. The suffixation of these special classifiers has caused a lot of problems in the past and continues to pose questions in the present. Most of the early authors, and even some recent ones, still use these prefixes, sometimes written in different ways such as Munyoro/Banyoro, Mu-Nyoro/Ba-Nyoro, muNyoro/baNyoro.

Following are examples of frequently used prefixes.

I. a. Prefixes indicating group affiliation e.g.

A	A-Ngoni
ABA-	Aba-Tutsi
AMA-	Ama-Zulu
BA-	Ba-Bembe
BAA-	Baa-Milembwe
BAKWA-	Bakwa-Mputu
BANYA-	Banya-Rwanda
BASI-	Basi-Kasingo
BEE-	Bee-Kalebwe
BENA-	Bena-Kanyok
BENE-	Bene-Mukuni
BO-	Bo-Bai
MA-	Ma-Binza
WA-	Wa-Swahili

LANGUAGE NOTES

Bantu language
Bantoid (or Bantu-like) language
Benue-Congo language (for non-Bantu/Bantoid languages)
Kordofanian language

Nilo-Saharan family
Nilotic language:
Eastern Nilotic language
Southern Nilotic language
Western Nilotic language
Eastern Sudanic language
Central Sudanic language
Nilo-Saharan language (to include the remaining languages)

Austronesian family
Malagasy language

Khoisan family
Khoisan language

TOPONYMS INDEX

Abeokuta. Nigeria, town founded by EgbaYoruba.
Abka. Sudan, rock art site; site of pottery and Neolithic tool industry.
Abomey. Benin, site and capital of the Fon kingdom of Dahomey, 17th-19th century.
Abyssinia. name used for ancient Ethiopia.
Acacus. Libya, rock art site.
Accra. Ghana, capital city and pre-colonial trading center.
Adamawa. Camerouns, Nigeria, a high plateau extending from the Bight of Benin to Lake Chad; variants: Adamaoua.
Adrar. Mauritania, mountainous regions in the Sahara inhabited by both Berber and Arabic peoples; rock art sites.
Adrar Bous. Niger, rock art site.
Adrar des Iforas. Mali, Algeria, region in the central Sahara; rock art site.
Adulis. Ethiopia, ancient city and seaport of Aksum Empire.
Afrique Equatoriale Française. *see* **French Equatorial Africa.**
Afrique Occidentale Française. *see* **French West Africa.**
Agadez. Niger, early town; Iron Age site.
Ahaggar. mountainous region in central Sahara and southern Algeria; rock art site; variants: Hoggar.
Akites. Kenya, rock painting site.
Akjoujt. Mauritania, site of copper mines; variants: Akjoutt.
Akure. Nigeria, pre-colonial town; site of Yoruba palace.
Albert, Lake. *see* **Mobutu Sese Seko, Lake.**
Algeria. country; capital is Algiers; variants: Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria, Algerie, al-Jumhuriya al Jazairiya ad-Dimuqratiya ash-Shabiya.
Alima River. Congo Republic, tributary of the Zaire River.
Allada. Benin, pre-colonial town in the Dahomey Kingdom; variants: Great Ardra.
Ambriz. Angola, seaport and precolonial trading center.
Amekni. Algeria, Neolithic site; early pottery.
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. former name of the Republic of Sudan.
Angola. country; capital is Luanda; formerly Portuguese West Africa; variants: Peoples Republic of Angola, Republica Popular de Angola.
Aruwimi River. northeastern Zaire.
Assinie. Côte d'Ivoire, archeological site; pre-colonial seaport.
Atlas Mountains. several chains of mountains in North Africa, including the Haut Atlas, Moyen Atlas, Anti-Atlas, Atlas Saharien, in Morocco and Algeria.
Aures Mountains. mountains in eastern Algeria populated by Berber peoples.
Awadaghust. Mauritania, ancient town of Ghana Empire; variants: Audoghast, Awdaghost.
Azania. ancient name for the coastal towns of Kenya and Tanzania. *see also* **Zanj**.
Bafing River. western Mali and Guinea, the upper course of the Senegal River.
Bahr-al-Ghazal. river and region in southwestern Sudan, part of the Nile valley.
Bamako. Mali, early trading town within the Mali Empire.
Bambuto Mountains. Cameroun.
Bandama River. Côte d'Ivoire.
Bandiagara Cliffs. Mali, plateau region and site of Tellem and Dogon art.
Banfora. Burkina Faso, rock art site.
Bangweulu, Lake. northern Zambia; variants: Lake Bangweolo.
Bankoni. Mali, archeological site of terra cotta sculpture.
Bardaï. Chad, rock art site; town.
Basutoland. *see* **Lesotho.**
Bauchi. Nigeria, region identifed with the Hausa; town located near rock art sites.
Begho. Ghana, 14th-century trading center and market for local artisans; center of small Mossi kingdom.
Benguela. Angola, archeological site; early seaport; variants: Benguella.
Benin. country; capital is Porto Novo; formerly Dahomey and part of French West Africa; variants: Republic of Benin, République du Benin.
Benin River. southern Nigeria.
Benue River. Cameroun and Nigeria, tributary of the Niger River.
Bida. Nigeria, city and site of early Bronze work.
Bigo. Uganda, earthwork and Iron Age site west of Lake Victoria.
Bobo-Dioulasso. Burkina Faso, French colonial administrative district; variants: Bobo-Djulasso.
Bomu River. Central African Republic and Zaire, unites with the Uele River to form the Ubangi river; variants: Mbomu River.
Bondoukou. Côte d'Ivoire, early trading center.
Bono-Mansu. Ghana, ancient Akan capital variants: Bono Manso.
Boskop. Republic of South Africa, locality in the Transvaal; archeological site.

ALGERIA

AGADEZ
AHAGGAR
AJJER
ANTESSAR
BEDOUIN
BELLA
BENI MENASSER
BENI MZAB
BENI YENNI
BERABISH
BERBER
GARAMANTES
HAMYAN
KABYLE
MAURES
RIF
SHAWIA
SONGHAI
TAMAZIGHT
TUAREG
ULED NAIL

ANGOLA

AMBO
AMBOIM
BAILUNDO
BALA
BEMBA
BOLO
BUSHMEN
CHAAMBA
CHOKWE
CIAKA
CILENGE
CIPUNGU
CUANDO
HANYA
HERERO
HIMBA
HOLO
HUAMBO
HUKWE
HUMBE
JAGA
KAKONDA
KHUMBI
KISAMA
KONGO
KOROCA
KUNG
KWAMBI
KWANDU
KWANYAMA
LIBOLO
LUANDA
LUCHAZI
LUNDA
LUNDA-LOVALE
LUVALE
LUYANA
LWENA
LWIMBI
MASHI
MATAMBA
MATAPA
MBAKA
MBALI
MBAMBA
MBANGALA
MBOKA
MBONDO
MBUKUSHU
MBUNDA
MBUNDU
MBWELA
MINUNGU
MUKUBAL
MULONDO
MWILA
MWIMBE
NDEMBU
NDIMBA
NDOMBE
NDONGA
NDULU
NGALANGI
NGANDA
NGANDYERA
NGANGELA
NKANGALA
NKANU
NYANEKA
NYEMBA
NYENGO
OKUNG
OVIMBUNDU
SHINJI
SOLONGO
SONGO
TSCHITUNDA
TSOTSO
TUKONGO
VIYE
WOYO
YAKA
YOMBE
ZOMBO

BENIN

AGOTIME
AIZO
AJA
ANUFO
AWORI
BARGU
BATAMMALIBA
BINI
BUSA
CHAMBULI
DOMPAGO
DYE
EDO
EGUN
FON
FULANI
GE
GONJA
GUN
GURMA
HAUSA
KABRE
KOTOKOLI
KROBO
LAMBA
LIGBA
NAGO
SONGHAI
TAMBA
TEM
TOFINU
WOABA
YORUBA
YOWA
ZARMA

BOTSWANA

AUEN
BUSHMEN
HERERO
HIECHWARE
HIMBA
HOA
HUKWE
HURUTSHE
KALANGA
KGALAGADI
KHATLA
KWENA
MBUKUSHU
NARON
NGUNI
NGWATO
ROLONG
SAN
SOTHO
SUBIYA
TLHAPING
TOTELA
TSWANA
YEEI

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